

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2287

Grace Methodist Church

4625 Black Rock Road

Hampstead, Baltimore County

1891

Private

Although the congregation dates to 1812, the extant church was built in 1891 in the vicinity of the Fifth District village of Trenton. The Grace Methodist Church was erected as a replacement of an earlier building in the same location. The Union Methodist Episcopal Chapel, shown on the 1877 county atlas, was erected after the mid-19th century, for it does not appear on the 1850 county atlas. The congregation dates to an early 19th century period of settlement of the area around Trenton, and the extant church reflects the late 19th century minimal growth of this rural community. Upon completion of the late 19th century edifice, the congregation changed its name from Union Methodist Episcopal to Grace Methodist. According to prior documentation on the property, the supervising carpenter for the construction of the building was James B. Benz.

When constructed the Grace Methodist Church was a one-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide, four-bay-deep Gothic Revival style edifice of stretcher bond brick construction with a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal and a solid random rubble stone foundation. In 1950, the building--which fronts southwest--was remodeled, and a three-bay-deep stretcher bond brick addition placed on the front of the original building. This phase of alterations included the construction of a one-story, one-bay-square tower on the southeast elevation and a two-story, one-bay-square tower on the northwest elevation. In 2000, the church was extensively altered by the construction of a large stucco-clad one-and-a-half-story addition with an asphalt-shingled roof. Only the southeast, northeast, and a portion of the northwest walls of the 1891 building are visible from the exterior. Through the four lancet-arched multi-light leaded windows with round-edged surrounds, square-edged sills, and pointed-arch rowlock lintels, the southeast elevation reveals the original Gothic Revival style character of the late 19th century building. The northeast elevation is bisected by a small exterior gable end stretcher bond brick chimney. The associated graveyard dates from the mid-19th century and is still in use as a burial ground. The graves number between 150 and 250 and are arranged into approximately fifteen rows.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2287

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Grace Methodist Church (preferred)

other Grace United Methodist Church

2. Location

4618

street and number 4625 Black Rock Road not for publication

city, town Hampstead vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Grace Methodist Church and Cemetery

street and number 4625 Black Rock Road telephone Not Available

city, town Hampstead state MD zip code 21074

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 1504 folio 159

city, town Towson tax map 19 tax parcel 57 tax ID number 0520066050

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The associated graveyard dates from the mid-19th century and is still in use as a burial ground. The graves number between 150 and 250 and are arranged into approximately fifteen rows. The newest headstones face west, while the 19th century markers face south. Most of the grave markers are upright slabs of granite or marble, and a scattering of them have footstones.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1891-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1891, 1950, 2000

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850); see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

² Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

³ Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 187.

⁴ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁵ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 869.

⁶ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .255 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1891, Grace Methodist Church has been associated with the .255 acre of land known as tax parcel 57 of map 19 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

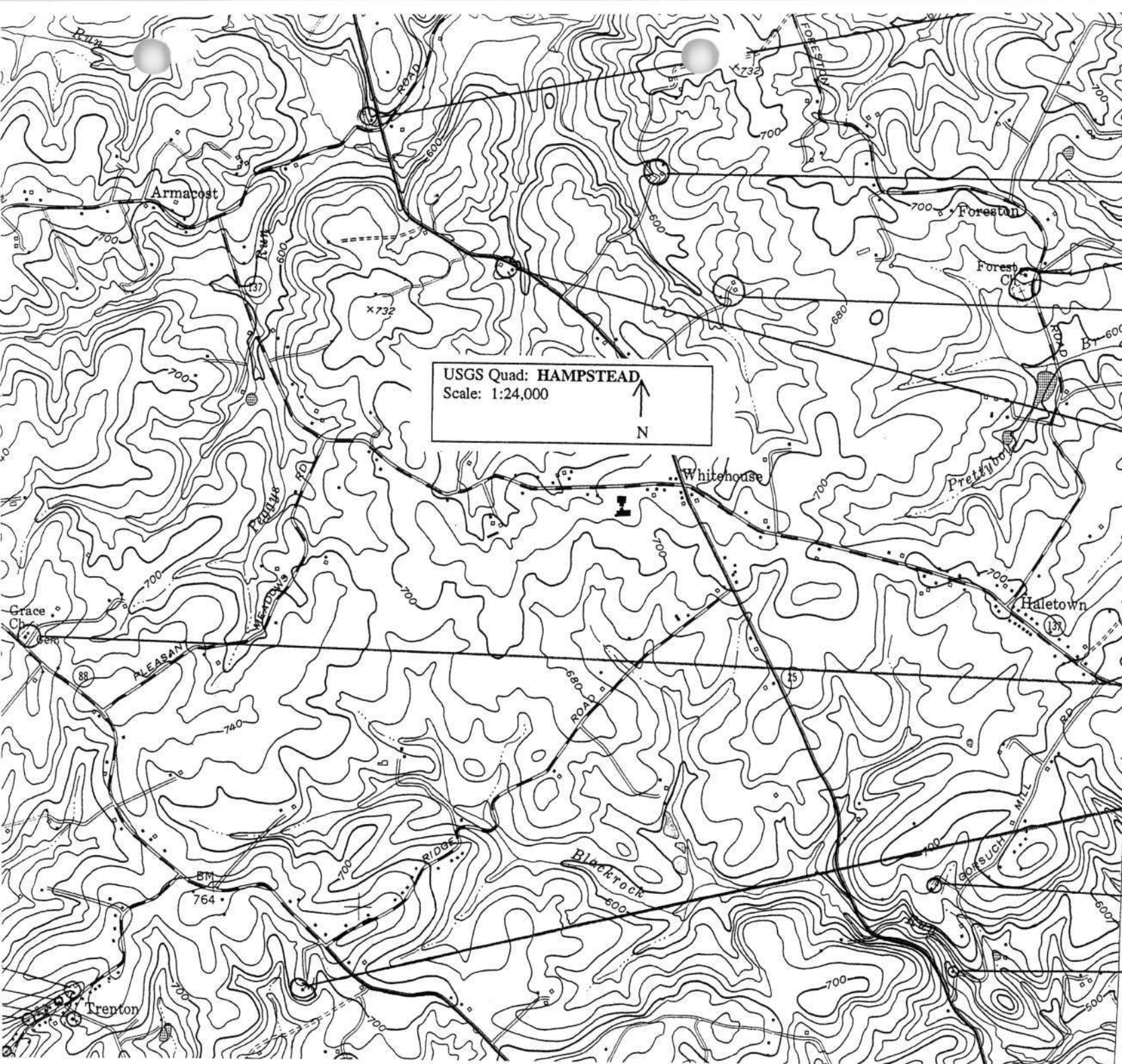
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



USGS Quad: HAMPSTEAD
Scale: 1:24,000
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- 650 000
FEET
- BA-0578
17625 FALLS ROAD
UPPERLO, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2285
17700 FORESTAN ROAD
UPPERLO
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0560
DAVID WILHELM HOUSE
17517 FALLS ROAD
UPPERLO
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0559
17700 FALLS ROAD
UPPERLO
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2287
4625 BLACK ROCK ROAD
HAMPSTEAD
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0481
4101 BLACK ROCK ROAD
UPPERLO
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0558
16758 GORSUCH MILL RD.
UPPERLO
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0557
16710 GORSUCH MILL ROAD
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TRUCKERIES

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GRACE U.M. CHURCH - 1891 - 4618 Black Rock Road. This congregation traces its roots to 1812, but the present structure dates from 1891 and its name was changed to Grace. Building modernized in 1949-51. Roof is standing-seam tin. Four bays deep. Square crenelated tower on the west. The cornerstone bears the date 1890-1950. Large cemetery adjoining. The original structure was constructed with James B. Bentz as supervising carpenter. (March 22, 1890).